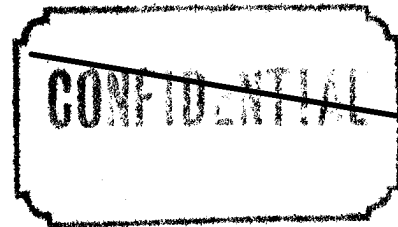


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INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON
FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS



December 19, 1941

Present: For the Coordinator of Information:
Dr. Langer, Chairman; Comdr.
LaHache; Lt. Col. Norris;
Dr. Dorn; Mr. Keren, Sec'y.

For the Department of State:
Mr. Spaulding.

For the Department of Commerce:
Mr. Domeratsky.

For the Library of Congress:
Dr. Krould, Mr. Moriarty.

For the Navy Department:
Lt. Dyke.

NEXT MEETING:

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Tuesday, December 23rd at 11:30 a.m. The receptionist at the Coordinator of Information will inform members from other offices of the exact location of the meeting.

REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES:

Mr. Spaulding reported that he had received from Mr. Moriarty the lists of foreign book dealers and that cables from the State Department to Lisbon, Bernes and Stockholm were being put on the wires at noon on December 19th.

Dr. Langer reported that two microfilm cameras and 2,000 feet of film had been purchased and were being carried to Lisbon by a person leaving Washington on December 19th. If necessary, a special cameraman to use this equipment would leave for Lisbon in the near future.

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FUTURE ORGANIZATION:

It was agreed that Dr. Langer should ask Col. Donovan to request that an executive order be issued giving this Committee official status as the agency to which all requests for special handling of foreign publications during war time should be referred.

At the same time, Dr. Langer was empowered to expand this Committee as deemed necessary to provide an adequate representation of government offices interested in receiving foreign publications. It was suggested that Col. Black be invited to join the Committee.

There was general assent to the proposition that priority in special handling be given to requests from departments and special agencies concerned with National Defense.

MICROFILMING SERVICE:

In addition to action already taken with regard to Lisbon, Berne and Stockholm, it was agreed to send a microfilm camera and film in quantity to Cairo. This camera would be used there, in Ankara, or in Istanbul. Istanbul was the first choice of the Committee should microfilming there prove practical. A special man to handle this equipment would be sent out if necessary.

Mr. Moriarty agreed to draw up a list of young men qualified to use and to repair microfilm cameras and equipment and prepared to go abroad. Dr. Langer announced that the Coordinator of Information would accept responsibility for selecting any necessary field personnel.

PUBLICATIONS TO BE MICROFILMED:

It was agreed that agents handling the microfilming of material abroad should photograph any publication ordered in its entirety.

The Committee drew up a list of newspapers published on the continent of Europe which it desired should be microfilmed for transport to this country. This list is attached to the minutes on a separate sheet.

W. K. Jr.